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AMENDMENT AFTER QUAYLE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.